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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: COUNTRY PROBLEM ASSESSMENT PAPERS - BOLIVIAN
ASSESSMENT

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1. THE EMBASSY FOUND THE COUNTRY PROBLEM ASSESSMENT PAPER FOR
BOLIVIA EXCELLENT IN MOST RESPECTS. THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THE
FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. ENFORCEMENT: IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ENFORCEMENT BY
BOLIVIAN NARCOTICS AUTHORITIES HAS BEEN IMPROVING.

B. ALSO UNDER ENFORCEMENT, THE NARCOTICS SECTION OF THE
NATIONAL POLICE IS NO LONGER UNDERMANNED, ALTHOUGH PERSONNEL
COULD USE MORE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING.

C. AGAIN UNDER ENFORCEMENT, INSTEAD OF SAYING "SEVERAL
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE KNOWN TO BE INVOLVED IN THE TRAFFICKING",
IT WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY, "IT IS SUSPECTED THAT SOME
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MAY BE INVOLVED IN TRAFFICKING."

D. UNDER ASSESSMENT, THE PAPER SHOULD NOTE THAT THE
COOPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BOLIVIA HAS BEEN GOOD AND
CONTINUES TO IMPROVE.

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